

State Trauma Care Committee Trauma System Report

November 5, 2007

2008 STCC Meetings

2008

- February 25
- May 12
- August 11
- November 17

STCC Terms Complete

November 2007

- ACEP (Jim Bentler)
- Trauma Coordinator (John Bleicher)
- Eastern RTAC (Kirby Peden/Joe Hansen)
- IHS (unfilled)
- Central RTAC (Tim Sinton/Carol Kussman)
- MEMSA (Pauline Linnell)
- Private Ambulance Service (Mike McGree)
- Western RTAC (Greg Moore)
- MHA (Jay Pottenger)
- ENA (Bill Taylor)

STCC Terms Complete

November 2008

- Western RTAC
 - Brad Pickhardt
- Montana Medical Association
 - Charlie Swannack
- **Goal** to obtain governor's appointments for all open positions
- **Action Plan**
 - Identify individuals interested in positions
 - Current appointees at STCC & individual contact
 - Notify others at RTAC meetings & post on web site/list serve
 - Obtain letters of interest from candidates with curriculum vitae
 - Provide letters to governor's office by February 25

Alcohol Exclusion Law

- MT Uniform Accident and Sickness Policy Provision Law (UPPL) follow-up
- **Goal** to contact MT Commissioner of Insurance and Securities if insurance reimbursement for trauma care denied due to MT UPPL law found to be significant issue
 - John Morrison (State Auditor)
 - Alicia Pichette (Deputy Insurance Commissioner)
- **Action Plan** to obtain insurance payment rejection information due to MT UPPL law from Regional Trauma Centers
 - What data elements to collect?
 - Should data include both prospective & retrospective?
 - Report when what number of cases identified?

Trauma Facility Designation

- Consultation
 - Hardin (November 28)
- Complete except rural health clinics that accept ambulance patients not previously identified



Rural Health Clinics

- No state licensure process
- Lack ability to charge for providing emergency care due
- **Goal** to include in designation process when adequate resources obtained
- **Action Plan**
 - Utilize STCC / RTAC meetings to identify locations
 - Eureka (2)
 - West Yellowstone
 - Mammoth
 - Seeley Lake
 - **Others?**
 - Identify additional staff

Trauma Facility Designation

■ Technical Assistance Site Visits

- Red Lodge (August 23)
- Libby (October 11)
- Eureka (October 9)
- Townsend (October 26)
- Fort Belnap (November 26)
- White Sulphur Springs (Planning November)
- White Fish (November 15)
- Malta (December 12 & attend ERTAC meeting)

Trauma Facility Designation



- Designation Site Visits
 - Culbertson (November 27)
 - Red Lodge (November 29)
 - Big Timber (December)
 - Livingston (December)

Trauma Facility Resource Criteria

- Successful completion of ATLS for midlevel providers

ATLS

- 2008 course dates finalized & many student slots already filled
 - Feb 29/March 1 in Great Falls
 - April ??/?? in Billings
 - June ??/?? in Missoula
 - November ??/?? in Billings
- **Goal** to increase number of ATLS courses due to high demand
- **Action Plan** to add one additional course in 2008
- Tentative course date
 - October ??/?? in Missoula
 - Identify Course Director
- Faculty assignment request out when course dates final
- Conduct instructor course by May 1
 - Identify (?) of qualified students for instructor course

TEAM Trauma Course

- John to provide report from education committee
- Participate with American College of Surgeons Rural COT on Rural Trauma Team Development Course on December 5th
- Report back to next STCC



RTAC Education Funds

- **Goal** to identify similar process for facilities to request education funds from each of the RTACs so that the process is fair and equal to each facility
- **Action Plan** development at this STCC meeting
 - Identify similar request process.
 - Question if similar dollar amounts are provided by each RTAC for similar requests, ie PHTLS and TNCC?

2008 Trauma System Priorities

1. Designation
2. ATLS
3. Outreach
4. Dedicated Leg. Funding
 1. State Medical Director
 2. Regional Coordinators
5. Central Communications
 1. Central database for EP/Disaster

Funding Resources

- Partnership with Hospital Emergency Preparedness & MT Health Research & Education Foundation (MHREF)
- Legislative auditors report
- Interim legislative committee
- DPHHS budget
- Grant opportunities